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of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

SURVEYOR AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the year

1959



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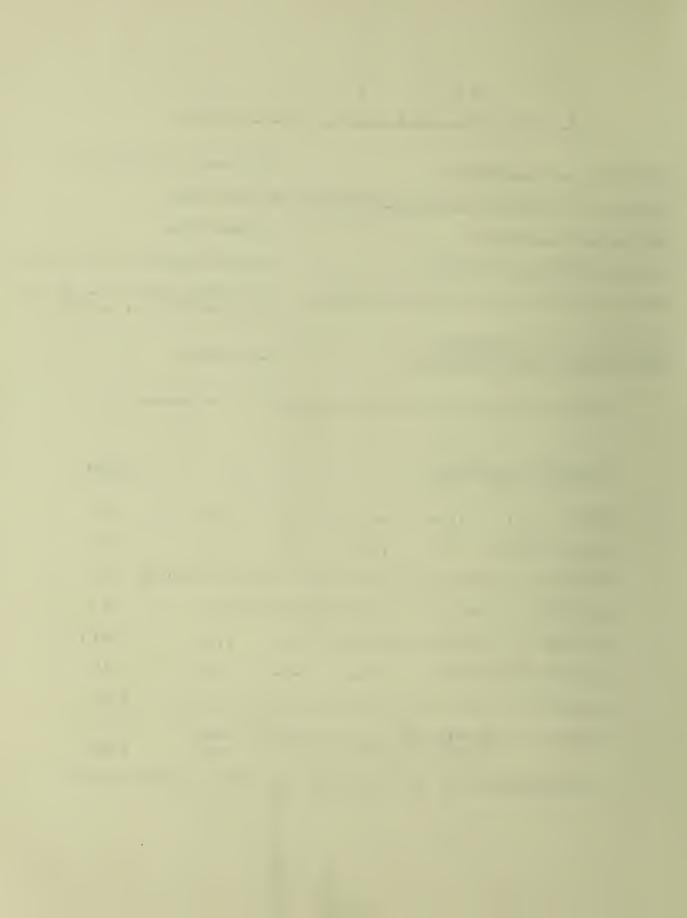
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# A S H B Y W O U L D S U R B A N D I S T R I C T C O U N C I L

Chairman of the Council.	Alderman E.W. Tandy, J.P.
Chairman of the Public Health Committee.	F. Yates 'Esq.
Clerk to the Council.	W. Jones Esq.
Medical Officer of Health.	A.McN.W.Segerdal M.D., D.P.H.
Surveyor and Public Health Inspector.	A.F.J.Webb until 31. 3. 60. H.H.Ford from 6. 4. 60.
Assistant to the Surveyor and Public Health Inspector.	E. Marsden.

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To:- The Chairman and Members of the Ashby Woulds Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the Year 1959.

According to the Registrar General's estimate the population has again decreased, from 3330 in 1958 to 3320 in 1959.

The birth rate (11.8) is lower than last year (14.7) and lower than that for England and Wales (16.5).

The death rate (12.6) is higher than last year (11.0) and higher than that for England and Wales (11.6).

Again as for many years past the chief causes of death were in diseases associated with elderly people.

There has been further damage to Council water mains throughout the district and slight damage to Council Houses in the Sweethill area, due to mining subsidence.

Efforts have been made to maintain satisfactory effluents from the three sewage disposal works in the district.

Consultant Engineers are preparing a report dealing with the serious overloading etc., at the Donisthorpe Lane Works.

Five houses have been erected by private enterprise and one was under construction at the end of the year.

The number of applications for Council Houses is 74 and the number received during the year was 35.

The general standard of hygiene in the shops and conteens in the district is very satisfactory.

Good progress continues to be made in the implementing of the Food Hygiene Reulations 1955.

There were 93 cases of infectious diseases of which 91 were Measles, 1 was Whooping Cough and 1 Pneumonia. Most of the cases of Measles occurred during May:

I am pleased that the number of children receiving immunisation against Whooping Cough and Diphtheria remains high.

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Only one case of Tuberculosis was notified during the year.

It is pleasure to take this opportunity of thanking the Chairman, Members and Officers of the Council, the Public Health Departurent of the County Council and the General Practitioners in the locality for their help and co-operation.

In particular, I would like to thank Mr.H.H.Ford the Surveyor and Public Health Inspector and Mr.A.F.J.Webb his predecessor for their valuable assistance.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Yours obedient servant,

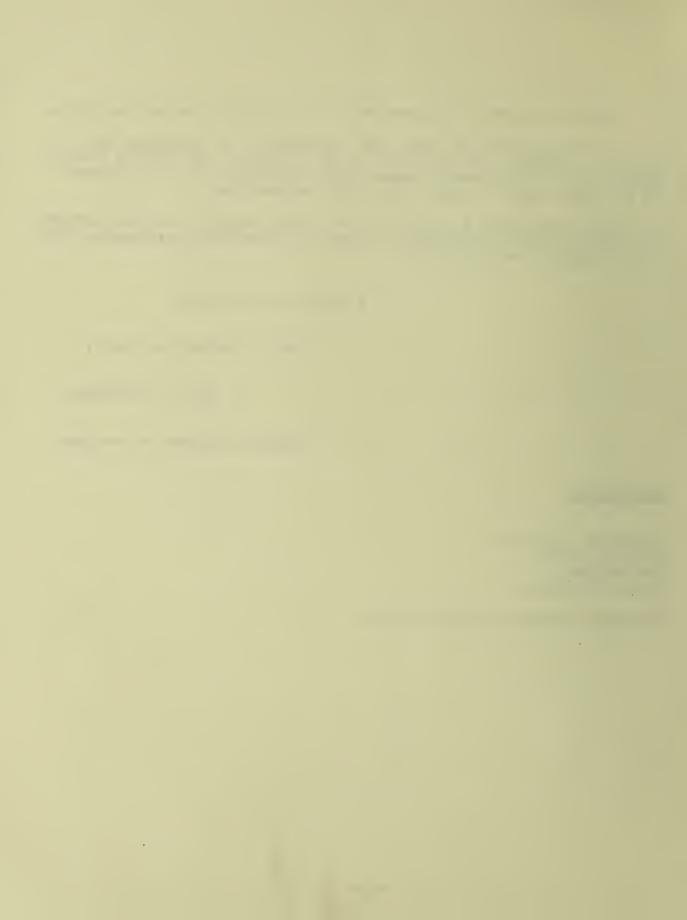
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# SECTION 'A'.

# General Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

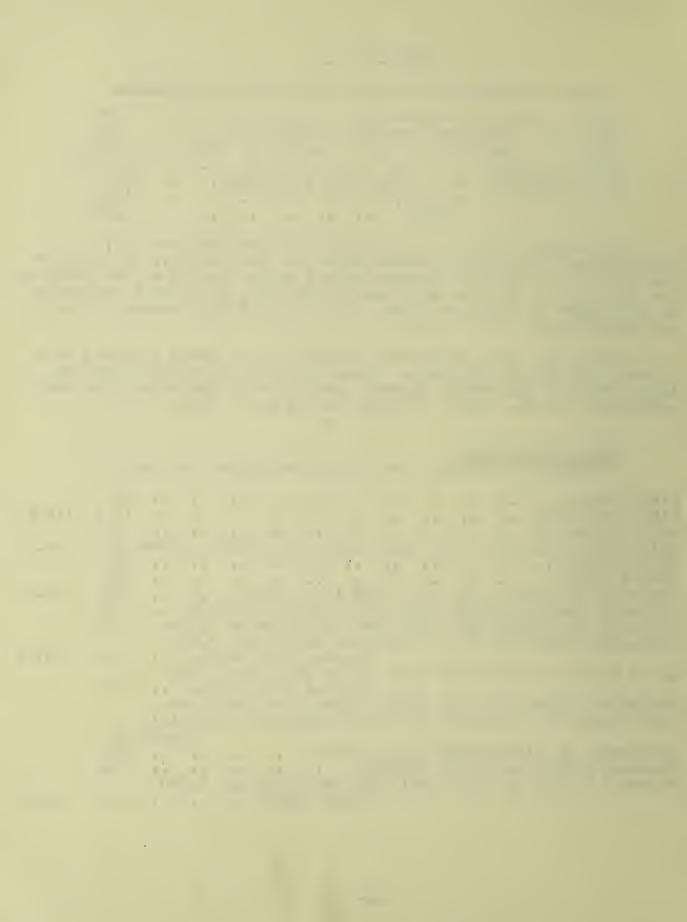
Area of District in Acres		2427
Population (Registrar General's Estimate)	•	3320
Number of Inhabited Houses at the end of 1959 .	•	1084
Rateable Value		257,593
Sum represented by a penny rate (Estimated) .	•	£236
Comparability - Deaths		1.23
Births		_

The chief industries of the district are: Engineering; Agriculture; Coal Mining; Earthenware and Clay Working. No industry was noted as having an injurious effect on the health of the district. The district is affected by mining subsidence, but prompt attention to the damage to mains and sewers has caused little danger to health and inconvenience to the area.

There are three Recreation Grounds in the Urban District with a total acreage of 12½ acres. Plans have been formulated for the improvement of Children's playing facilities at the Occupation Road Recreation Ground, Albert Village, in the near future.

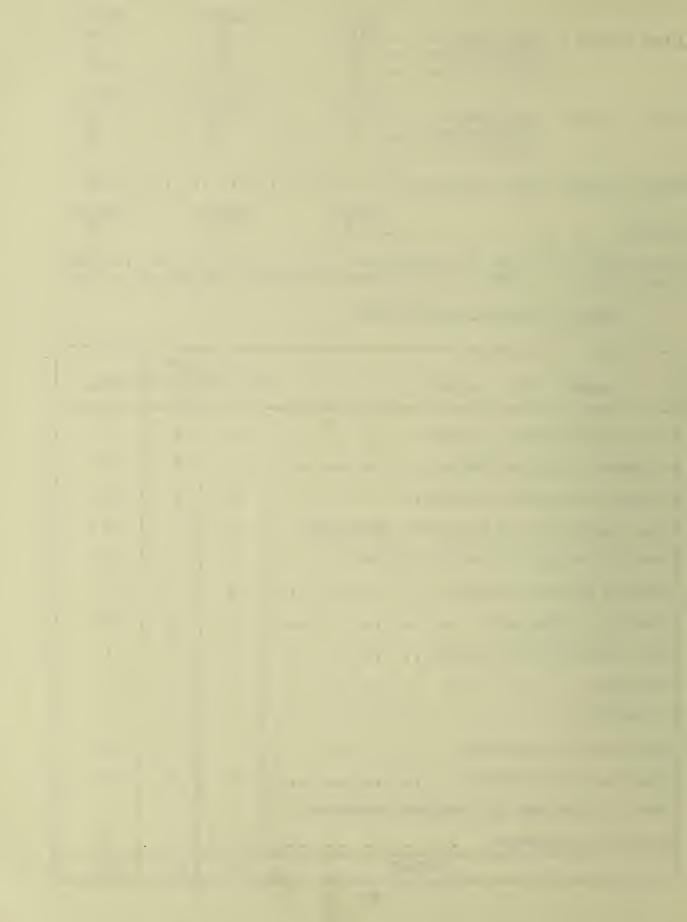
# Vital Statistics. (Figures in brackets are those for England and Wales).

Live Births	40	
Live Birth Rate		(16.5)
	3	(10.5)
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births	20.11	(20.7)
Total Births	43	(2001)
Infant Deaths	Nil	
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births	Nil	(22.0)
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 Legitimate Births	Nil	
	Nil	
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (first four weeks) per 1,000		
related live Births	Nil	(15.8)
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (first week) per 1,000		
related live Births	Nil	
Peri-natal Mortality Rate (Still births and Early Neo-		
natal Mortality Combined) per 1,000 total live and still	(0	
Births Percentage of Illegitimate Line Pinths		
Percentage of Illegitimate Live Births	Nil	
Maternal Mortality Rate (including abortion) per 1,000	Nil	
	Nil	(0.38)
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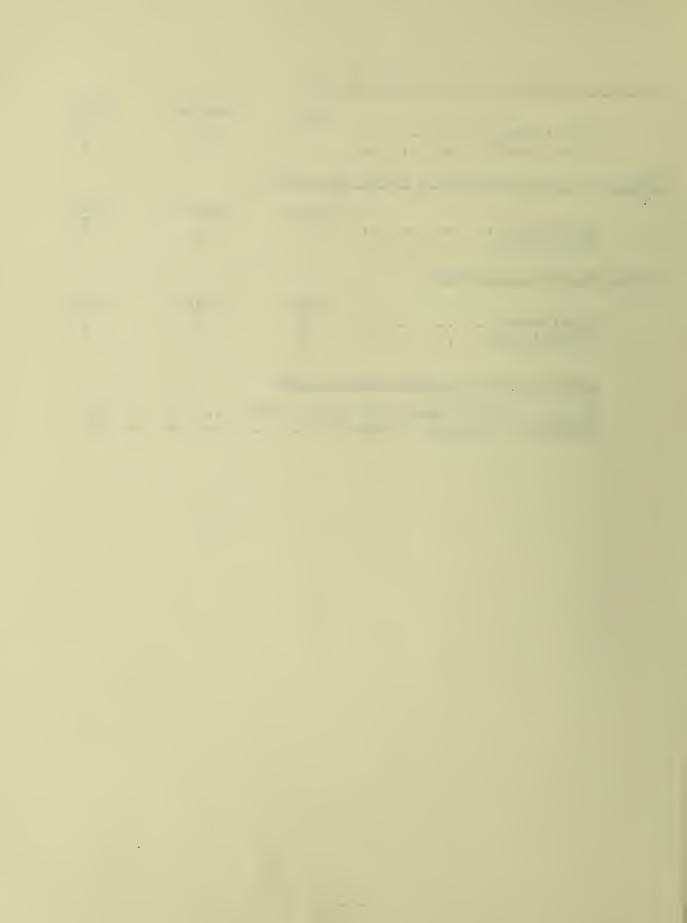


Live Births - Legitimate	Males . 14 . 0 . 14	Females 26 0 26	Total 40 <u>0</u> 40
Still Births - Legitimate Illegitimate Total	Males 1 0 T	Females 2 0 2	Total 3 0 3
Total Births ( Live and Stil	1)		43
Deaths	Males 15	Females 19	Total 34
Death Rate per 1,000 of popu Death Rate per 1,000 of popu			12.6
Causes of Death Garing	1959.		

	All	ages	
Causes of Death	M	F	Total
lalignant Weoplasm, Stomach	2	0	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	0	2	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Utoras	0	1	1
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	0	5	5
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	1	2	3
Coronary Disease, Angina	3	2	5
Other Heart Diseases	1	4	5
Other Circulatory Diseases	1	0	1
Pneumonia	1	0	1
Bronchitis	1	1	2
Nephritis and Nephrosis	2	0	2
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	0	1
Other Defined and Til Defined Diseases	1	1	2
All Other Accidents	1	1	2
TOTALS	15	19	314



### Deaths of infants under 1 year of age:-Females Total Males Legitimate .. 0 0 0 0 0 Illegitimate 0 Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age:-Females Total Males Legitimate .. 0 0 0 0 Illegitimate 0 0 Early Neo-natal Deaths:-Males Females Total Legitimate .. 0 0 0 0 0 Illegitimate 0 Chief causes of Death during 1959. Diseases of the Heart and Circulation 14 Malignant Neoplasm (Cancer) .. 12



# SECTION 'B'

# General Provisions of the Health Services in the Area.

# Hospitals.

All hospitals except a few private Maternity and Nursing Homes are under the Sheffield Regional Board. The County Homes for the aged and infirm are under the auspices of the County Council. When their residents take ill they become the responsibility of the Regional Hospital Board.

# Treatment Centres and Clinics.

Infant Welfare Clinics are held every 2nd. and 4th. Thursday afternoon at the Centenary Methodist Church, Measham Road, Moira. The Ante-Natal Clinics are held at Bridge Road, Coalville, and the Tuberculosis Clinic at Markfield Hospital under the Regional Hospital Board.

# Ambulance Facilities.

The County Council is responsible for all ambulance facilities in the County. Colliery accidents are removed by Ambulances provided by the National Coal Board stationed at Nailstone Colliery and Rawdon Colliery  $_{\rm c}$  ,

# Nursing in the Home.

All district Nursing and Midwifery is under the County Council.

# Health Visiting.

This work is provided by the County Council and is very ably carried out in this area. A Diabetic Health Visitor attends the Clinic at the Leicester Royal Infirmary and visits the patients in their homes on request.

# Laboratory Facilities,

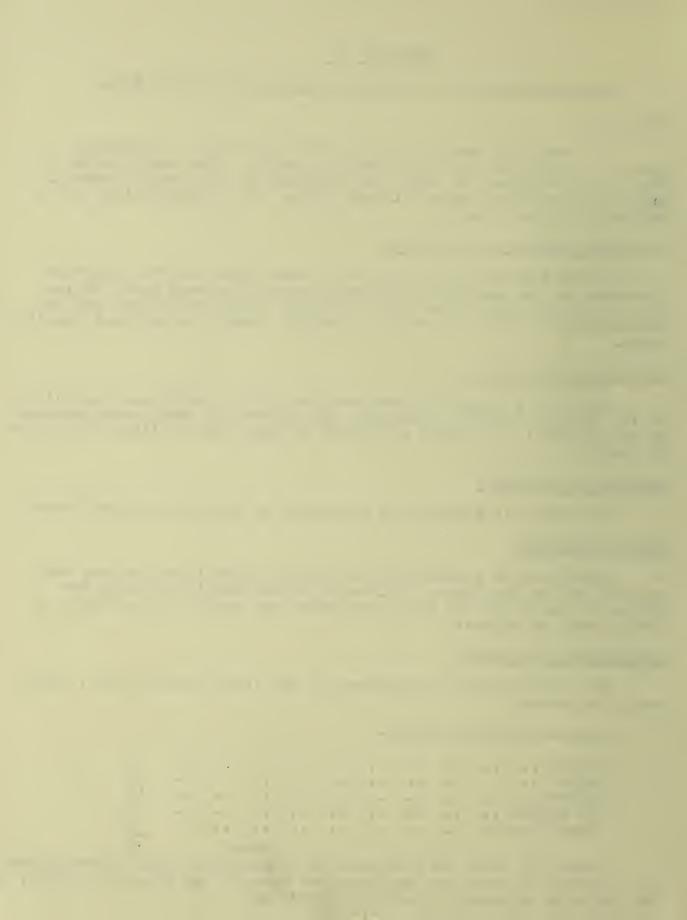
The Public Health Laboratory at the Isolation Hospital, Groby Road, Leicester.

# Examinations performed:-

Bloods			• •	• •					1
Sputa									1
Waters									
Ice Creams		• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	22
Miscellaneous	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	1
						Tot	al		39

Generally there is co-operation between the local Authority and the services provided by the Executive Council and Hospital Boards, and the tendency is towards closer integration.

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# SECTION 'C'

# Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

# Water supply.

Vater is obtained in bulk from the Swadlincote and Ashby Joint Water Board, and has been adequate during the year. The whole area and population is served; there are 1072 houses with internal mains supply and 12 houses with external stand pipe supplies. There has been no mains extension schemes during the year. There have been 28 cases of damage to mains by Mining Subsidence during the year and water has been cut off for short periods in a number of cases in order to effect repairs.

The daily average consumption was 217,000 gallons per day.

Water samples taken during the year .. .. 14

# Sewage Disposal.

The general standard has been maintained and reports of samples have indicated a slight improvement. A scheme is being prepared for dealing with the serious overloading at the Donisthorpe Lane Works.

## Sewers.

In a district which is badly affected by subsidence it is suprising that sewers and drains continue to function as well as they do. Troubles were mainly of a minor nature and were attented to immediately.

The whole sewage system was baited to indicate the degree of rat infestation. Only a small number of takes were recorded and these manholes were then poison baited until all rats were eradicated.

# Closet Accommodation.

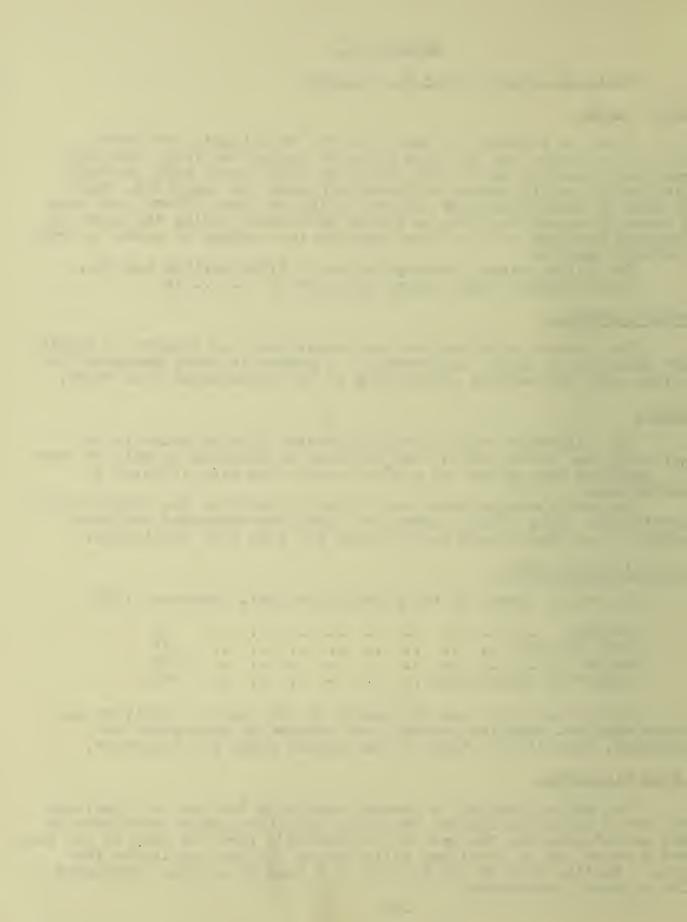
The total number in the district on 31st. December, 1959

Privies		 	• •	 • •	• •	2
Pail Closets						
W.C's		 		 	• •	1051
Number of Co	nversions	 • •		 • •		Nil

Pail Closets are emptied weekly by the use of a Shelvoke and Drewry Cesspool Emptying Machine, and privies and cess-pools as necessary. Contents are taken to the sewage works for treatment.

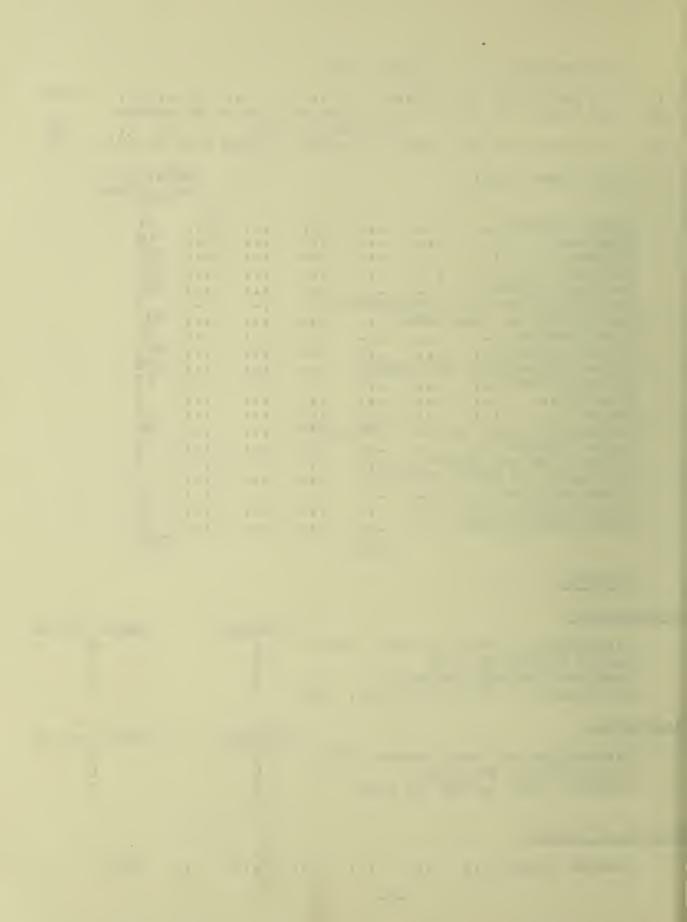
# Public Cleansing.

The whole district is covered weekly by the use of a Shelvoke and Drewry Refuse Freighter. The bonus incentive scheme continues to work satisfactorily. The new tip at Haywood's Yard has been in use just over 2 years and is providing satisfactory tipping facilities for refuse. Sealing down of the tip has been done by a local contractor with adjacent overburden.



# Sanitary Inspectations of the rea.

		The state of the s			
	2.	Potal number of complaints  Total number of premises at which d  were dealt  total number of nuisances or defect  Inspections Made:-	efects o: with	 n (2) 52	
				ctions.	
		Animal Keeping Bakehouses Dairies Drainage Works Dwelling Houses Infectious Diseases (Enquiries) Food Poisoning (Enquiries) Food Premises Offensive Trade Refuse Collection and Disposal Rodent Control Schools Shops Slaughter Houses and Meat Inspectio Smoke Control Tents, Vans and Sheds Verminous and Dirty Premises Water Supplies Factories and Workshops Other Inspections.  Total Notices.	n	21 10 32 52 3 66 11 86 15 2 33 94 19 1 39 20 29	
	. 7 •				
		Outstanding on 1st. January, 1959 Issued during the year Completed during the year Outstanding on 31st. December, 1959	Housing 0 16 7 9	Pu <b>h</b> lic Healt O 7 7 0	th
5 08		Outstanding on 1st. January, 1959 Issued during the year Complied with during the year	Housing 0 0 0	Public Healt O O O	th
Sur	nmar	y of Action			
		Summons issued		 Nil.	



# Shops.

Particulars of action taken during the year under Provisions of Section 38 of the Shope Act, 1950:-

	Outstanding from Frewious Year	Defects Found	Defects Remedied	Outstanding 31st. December.	
Lighting	0	0	0	0	
Sanitary Conveniences	0	1	1	0	
Washing Facilities	0	1	1	0	
Facilities for taking meals	0	0	0	0	
Temporature	0	0	0	0	
Ventilation	0	0	0	0	

# Camping Sites.

There are no registered camping sites in the Urban District but 6 licences have been issued under Section 269 of the Public Health Act 1936 for moveable dwellings.

# The Pet Animals Act.

No action taken.

Rag Flock and other Filling Materials Act, 1951.

No action taken.

Swimming Baths and Pools open to the Public.

There are no Public Swimming Baths in the District.

# Rodent Control.

The part-time Council Rodent Operator dealt with all cases of infestations reported and inspects the whole district monthly.

The rat population at the Council's refuse tip temporarily increased but with extra concentration their numbers were gradually decreased and kept within control.



# New Houses.

Houses Completed	Type	
1104333 03	Prefabricated	Permanent
Local Authority	Nil	Nil
Private Enterprise	1	4
Houses in Course of erection at 31st.December by Local Authority	Nil	Nil
Private Enterprise	Mil	1

Mumber of Post War Houses Completed by:-	
Local Authority	
Number of application for Council Houses at the end of the year 74  Number of applications received during the year  35	
Housing Summary.	
Total number of houses occupied in the district	1084
Total number of Council Houses occupied in the district Number unoccupied due to Mining Subsidence Total	353 1 354
Housing Act, 1949.	
Number of applications for reconditioning grants	Nil



# SECRION 'E'

# Inspection and Supervision of Food. Ice-Cream. Number of Premises registered:-Nil Manufacture and Retail . . . Nil Manufacture only ... Retail only ... 7 Number of Samples taken ... 22 Results. Grade 1. .. 15. Grade 2. .. 6. Grade 3. .. Mil. Grade 4. .. 1. Milk Supply. Dairies and Distributors:-No. on No. of Register Inspections Dairies ... Nil Nil Nil Distributors Biological Milk samples taken .. Nil Bacteriological Milk samples taken .. None Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949. Particulars of licences issued: -Dealer licences ... Nil Supplementary licences ... ... Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilised) Milk Regulations, 1949. Particulars of licences issued:-

	Pasteurised	Sterilised
Dealer licences Supplementary licences	Nil 4	Nil 3

# Meat and other Foods.

Number of	Slaughterhouses in the Area	3
Number of	animals Slaughtered in the Area	631
Number of	animals examined therein	631
Number of	inspections of the meat at the time of	<i>~</i>
	Slaughter	631
Number of	Knacker Yards in the Area	Nil

# Slaughtering.

	Cattle including Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	ටු සිස	Morses
Number Killed	62	Nil	1	511	57	Nil
Number inspected	62	Nil	1	511	57	Nil
All diseases except Tuberculosis Whole carcases condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	10	Nil	Nil	17	Nil	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with deceases other than tuberculosis or Cysticerci	16.1%	Nil	Nil	3-3%	Nil	Nil
Tuberculosis only: Whole carcases condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tubercolosis	3.2%	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cysticercosis: Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Generalised and Totally condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil



# Meat Stalls. Number of inspections ... ... 8 Meat Shops Stores etc. Number of inspections ... ... ... ... ... ... 32 Places where food (other than meat) is kept or prepared for sale Number of inspections ... ... ... ... ... ... ... 12

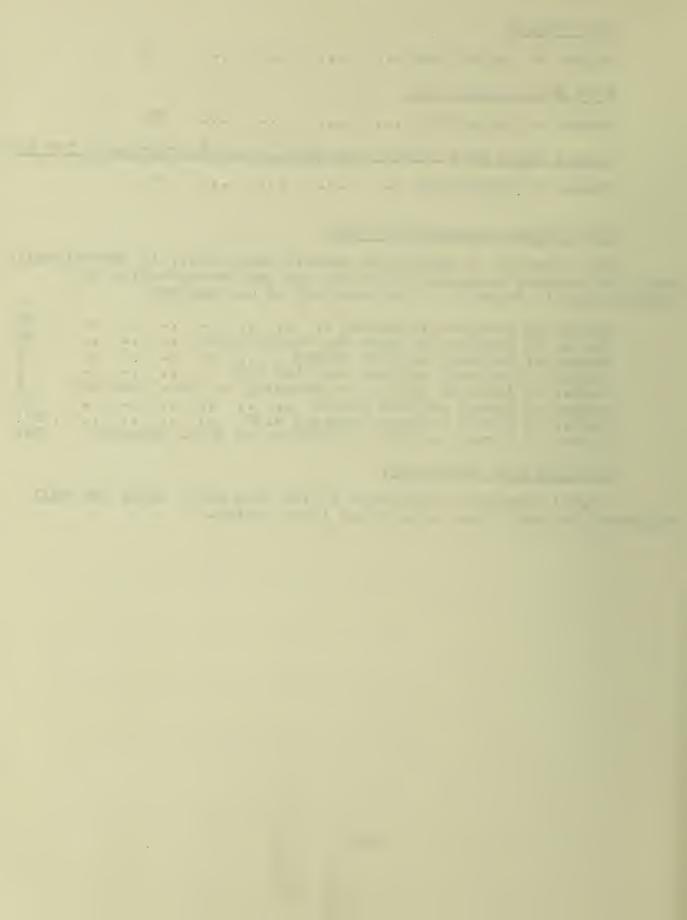
# Food Hygiene Regulations 1955.

The standard of hygiene in certain shops etc., is exceptionally good, and owners, managers and staffs are most co-operative in endeavouring to maintain a high standard of cleanliness.

Number	of	premises inspected	25
		inspections made for the purpose	86
Number	of	informal notices served	4
		informal notices complied with	3
Number	of	informal notices outstanding on 31st. December	1
Number	of	formal notices served	Nil
Number	of	formal notices complied with	Nil
Number	of	formal notices outstanding on 31st. December	Nil

# Food Hygiene Conference.

A well organised conference at the Town Hall, Ashby was well supported by local food traders and their staffs.



# SECTION 'F'.

# Prevalence and Control over Infectious Disease

# Infectious Piseases (Other than Tuberculosis) During 1959.

Diseases	Final Numbers after Correction	Cases admitted to hospital	Deaths
Measles	91	Nil	Nil
Pneumonia	1	Nil	1
Whooping Cough	1	Nil	Nil
To	tal 93	Nil	1

Analysis under Age Groups according to the Registrar General's Return 118d.

Age Groups				Measles	Whooping Cough	Pneumonia
Under 1 year  1 to 2 years 2 to 3 years 3 to 4 years 4 to 5 years 5 to 9 years 9 to 15 years 15 to 24 years	•••	•••	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	Nil 7 9 6 9 56 2	Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil	Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil
24 and over 65 and over	• •	• •	• •	Nil 91	Nil Nil 1	Nil 1 1

# Immunisation against Diphtheria.

Number of children who were immunised during the period 1st. January to 31st. December, 1959.

Age at 31.12.59.	Born in Year	Primary Immunisation	Booster Injections
Under 1 1 year 2 " 3 " 4 " 5 " 6 " 7 " 8 " 9 " 10 " 11 "	1959 1958 1957 1956 1955 1954 1953 1951 1951 1948 Total	5 28 5 2 Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil	Nil Nil Nil Nil 6 14 Nil 2 Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil
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Statement of Particulars appearing in the Tuberculosis Register for the year ending 31st. December, 1959.

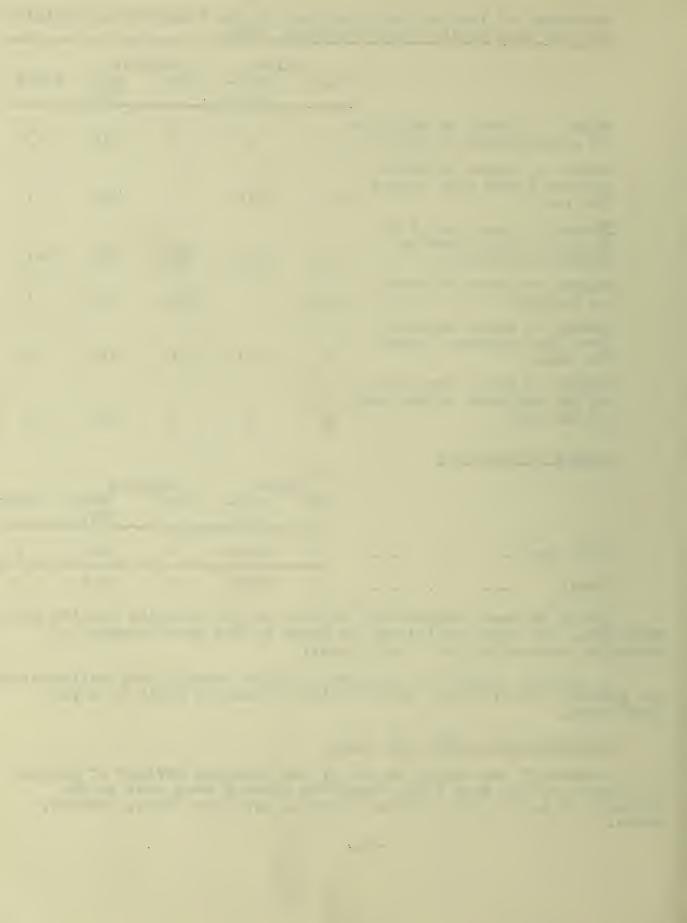
	Pul	Males Non- Pul	Fema Pul	les Non- Pul	Total
Number of cases on Register at commencement of year	5	2	6	Nil	13
Number of cases notified for the first time during the year	Nil	Nil	1	Nil	1
Number of cases added to Register other than by formal notification	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Number of cases restored to Register	Nil	1	Nil	Nil	1
Number of cases removed from the Register during the year	1.	Nil	1	Nil	2
Number of cases remaining on the Register at the end of the year	4	3	6	Nil	13
Causes of Removal.					
		Males	Fema		
	Pul	Non- Pul	Pul	Non- Pul	Total
Left Area	1	Nil	1	Nil	2
Total	1	Nil	1	Nil	2

There is free co-operation between Local Authority and the Chesi Physician, and every assistance is given in the ascertainment of contacts, re-housing or in employment.

A special clinic for contacts has been working very satisfactors and general practitioners have availed themselves fully of X-ray facilities.

# Factories Act, 1937 and 1948.

Resume of the Annual Report of the Megdical Officer of Health in respect of the year 1959, which has already been sent to the Ministry of Labour and National Service, Orphanage Road, Watford, Herts.



### Part 1 of the Act.

Inspections for the purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector).

	No. on Register	Inspections	Writter Notice
Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	15	26	2
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by			
Local Authorities	2	8	Nil
Total	17	34	2

Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars

Number of cases in which defects were found

	Found	Remedied
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)	2	2
Sanitary Conveniences S.7.)		
(a) Unsuitable or defective (b) Not separate for sexes	2	2
(b) Not separate for sexes	1	1
Total	5	5

Part 8 of the Act. Outwork (section 110 and 111).

Section 110:-Nature of work Number of outworkers in August list required by Sec. 110 (1)(c)(3)

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